

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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## CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Steven N. Tanner
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Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration
U.S. Department of Agriculture
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Kansas City, Missouri 64153-1394

James Link
Administrator
Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Room 2055-S
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20250-3601

Dear Mr. Tanner and Mr. Link:

RE: USDA-Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Federal Grain Inspection Service Technical Center, Kansas City Missouri

Enclosed you will find an Administrative Complaint, Compliance Order and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (Complaint) issued to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Federal Grain Inspection Service (USDA-FGIS), pursuant to Sections 3008(a) and (g) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 ("RCRA") and the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6928(a), (g).

This Complaint assesses penalties totaling \$320,580 for violations of RCRA and the regulations promulgated thereunder. These violations were noted by an inspector with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 office during a Compliance Evaluation Inspection at the USDA-FGIS Technical Center facility in Kansas City, Missouri on November 8-9, 2005.

The EPA encourages all parties against whom a civil penalty is proposed to pursue the possibilities of settlement as a result of informal conference. After reviewing these materials, if

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you would like to discuss this matter at an informal conference, please contact Alex Chen, EPA Region 7 Office of Regional Counsel, at 901 North 5th Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66101, or at (913) 551-7962.

Sincerely,

Donald Toensing

Chief

RCRA Enforcement and State Programs Branch

Air, RCRA & Toxics Division

Enclosures